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The former Town Hall in the Town of Brunssum, Province of Limburg in the Netherlands. This picturesque building was 100 years old in 2019 and is on the Dutch National Monument Register. The Town now has a super modern Town Hall as pictured on pages 20-21.

# Social Functions Calendar & Clubhouse Details

At the time of writing this, all Neerlandia Sub-Club activities have been thrown into Chaos due to another Lockdown.

Everyone will have to wait until 1 May, wheather we can start up again. If we do, as a precaution, keep up recommended hygiene practices.

Below please find the **proposed** Function Calendar for Neerlandia events and Sub-Club activities for the months of May and June.

## April 2021:

Fri 30 **The Kings Day Maas & Waal at Morley has been postponed to May 28**

## May 2021:

Sun 2 Sunday Drive ?????????? 10.30am

Mon 3?,10,17,24,31 Hollandia Billiard Club 9.30am

Wed 5?,12,19,26 Wednesday Card Club 10am

Wed 12, 26 Wednesday Bingo 11am

Thurs 6?,13,20,27 Thursday Night Card Club 7pm

Thurs 6?,20 Neerlandia Seniors' Club 10am

Fri 28 King's Day Maas & Waal Borrel 6pm  
(Will be held at Morley Windmills)

## June 2021:

Sun 6 Sunday Drive 10.30am

Mon 7,14,21,28 Hollandia Billiard Club 9.30am

Wed 2,9, 16,23,30 Wednesday Card Club 10am

Wed 9, 23 Wednesday Bingo 11am

Thurs 3,10,17,24 Thursday Night Card Club 7pm

Thurs 3,17 Neerlandia Seniors' Club 10am

Fri 25 Maas & Waal Borrel 6pm  
(Held at Myaree)

## August 2021:

Sunday 22 The Tivoli Show  
(See page 9 for more details)

## Clubhouse details:

Neerlandia is using the Rhein-Donau Clubhouse for all their activities.

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### **Beste Medelanders,**

It has again been an interesting week. As I am writing my report, I heard that the snap lock down, that was in place over the ANZAC Day long weekend, will end at midnight Monday to Tuesday. (27/05)

However, a few restrictions will remain in place.

I encourage all Members, who are attending any of our functions, to be fully informed of the current rules and adhere to these rules; Covid is still around.

I ask all Members to use common sense when making a decision to attend our functions and to abide by the rules.

For example, if there is a 4m2 rule in place, don't expect to play cards. Or if there is a gathering limit of 20 people, don't expect your group of 20 or more to meet for social activities. **Also, if your not feeling well, please stay home.**

With the timing of our magazine going

to print and you reading it, it is not always possible to publish the latest WA Government's Health advise. We are always monitoring and listening to what is happening and will adjust our planned events accordingly.

I am very happy to say that we have been able to shift the Kings Day Celebrations to the 28<sup>th</sup> May. It will be held at the Morley Windmills Club. We definitely didn't want to cancel this special event.

Other news is that the Neerlandia Committee had the pleasure to be invited to attend the Morley Windmills first team, playing at home in Morley. On this special occasion the Morley Windmills team played wearing their new soccer shirts, adorned with the Neerlandia Logo.

Well done guys, great to see you win. Keep an eye open for the new shirts with the Neerlandia logo, as they will be available for purchase very soon.

**Kind Regards,**  
**Eric van Waaijenburg**  
**0402 679 048**

**NEERLANDIA WELCOMES  
THE FOLLOWING NEW  
MEMBERS.**

***Lilian Zuideveld***  
***Larissa Kazakoff***  
***Cindy Meyer***

# Neerlandia's Welcome Back Celebration Lunch

## Neerlandia's "Welcome Back celebration Lunch."

Over 110 Neerlandia Members and Guests packed the Edelweiss Hall at the RDC in Myaree. This long-awaited "Welcome Back Celebration Lunch" was held on Sunday the 28th of March. This Lunch was first planned to be held on Sunday 7 March, but due to a 5-day lock-down, it had to be postponed.

Everyone is hoping, that the Covid-19 restrictions and lockdowns are now a thing of the past, now that the Covid vaccines are available.

The tables at the RDC, with their white tablecloths and Orange tulips, looked a picture and the atmosphere was buzzing right from the start.

It was great for Members to catch up with friends and acquaintances, as many had not seen each other for well over a year.

The 3-course warm lunch was very well presented by the RDC Chef Bobby and his Staff. Everyone seemed to enjoy it, while the bar was kept busy providing drinks, this besides the complimentary drink provided by Neerlandia.

The drawing of the Door prizes (10 of them) was watched with great interest. Neerlandia had cleaned out the storeroom and gave away surplus goods, such as Dutch decorations from their old Clubhouse, which were very popular. This heavily sponsored Lunch by Neerlandia was a great success. Thank you Neerlandia for organising and sponsoring it.

**Piet Leeftang, Editor. (L.M.)**



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# Neerlandia's Welcome Back Celebration Lunch



The "Door Prize" Winners. Back row: Doreen Zarb, Ian White, Rod Levy, Rose Groos and Nelly Maarssen. Front Row: Ann Voorn, Aiden van Waaijenburg, Marion Gerritsen, Vera Horsten and Joke Leeftang.



Henk. New owners wanted for the old "Wieg" and various other items.





# Stuff Dutch People Like

“Stuff Dutch People Like” is a column written by an expatriate living in the Netherlands. This amusing column observes the Dutch in their everyday life. We hope that you enjoy reading Stuff Dutch People Like as much as we do. The blog is available via the internet.



## NOT QUEUEING.

I've done something I **never** dreamed I would do, something I've grumbled and blogged about. I learnt my lesson on “never say never” in this country, but as these innocuous sounding words slipped out of my lips, I too was in disbelief.

It happened in the most pedestrian of places, the Albert Heijn. I was waiting in line at the *paracetamol/cigarettes/shavers/post/randomness counter (you know the one!)*.

Weighed down by an active 1.5-year-old, a bag of groceries, and 2 parcels to ship as gifts to the other side of the world – a Dutch person casually sauntered into the store, glanced at the existing line of customers waiting on the 15-year-old to figure out the Dutch postal system, and he nonchalantly proceeded to walk up to the counter and placed his order.

There was clearly a line of customers at the counter and clearly others were waiting (*and waiting*) patiently to be served. But apparently it did NOT matter.

This was no accidental case of ‘overlooking’ the line. **I had seen it happen time and time again, but today was different.** Today I was hot and tired, and baby was even more hot and tired and together we were not the loveliest of duos. And so, loudly, and brimming with 9 years of ‘*why-the-heck-can-you-people-not-learn-to-wait-your-turn*’ angst, a little Dutch word escaped my lips.



**Apparently, Dutchies can be obedient little queuing masters, when a new Abercrombie & Fitch store opens in Amsterdam!**



# Stuff Dutch People Like

“ASOCIAAL!”

The perpetrator’s head snapped back to look at me immediately. But apparently, I wasn’t stopping there, as I followed up with a loud: “*Doe eens normaal!!*” .

I suppose it could be seen as completing some imaginary level of Dutch integration. The Dutch phrase escaped my lips, even before I had time to think about my response (let alone the language would be in). No other English or Dutch phrase could have said it better.

*What did this signify? I’d always laughed at the associations of that culturally ingrained Dutch phrase: Just who defined this definition of normal?? Was I now on the path of becoming one of them?*

It must be said; Dutch people have an utter disregard for lines, queuing and generally waiting their turn. When I was fresh-off-the-boat it used to drive me utterly mad. Venturing into the City was an exhausting pursuit; my lack of language skills coupled with Dutch people’s lack of queuing-manners used to make my blood boil. *Where were the manners? Where was the civility? Had Dutch people somehow missed that basic childhood lesson of not cutting in line!*

But it was not just me. Over the years, I have heard loads of other foreign friends, visitors and tourists equally irate, when discussing the matter. I remember a good Aussie friend of mine, describing her daily commute from Utrecht to Amsterdam each morning.

When boarding and exiting each train, bus, and metro, she encountered a mad stampede of line cutting, pushing and elbows. Exasperated one evening over drinks, she proclaimed: “*I can’t do it anymore. I feel my blood pressure rising every morning in this country. It’s like boarding the train with effing animals!*”

Over the past decade, I have seen some progress in the Dutch domain of queuing... or at least I believe I have. Sometimes it is hard to get a grasp on my own cultural evolution and that of the Dutchies. Had they really gotten better at queuing or had I just become more tolerant of the chaos? Had they changed, or had I?

Source: [www.stuffdutchpeoplelike.com](http://www.stuffdutchpeoplelike.com)



**Waiting in line or queuing. Covid-19 surely has changed people’s behaviour.**

# The Windmills Soccer Club season 2021

## Windmills Soccer Club sponsored by Neerlandia.

The Neerlandia Committee has decided to sponsor the Morley-Windmills Soccer Club.

The scoreboard next to the Soccer pitch has been sponsored by Neerlandia as well as the Shirts for the players, which now show the name Dutch Society Neerlandia as well as the Windmills logo.

## The 2021 soccer season.

The competition started on April 3 and following are some results and commentary on those matches.

The Morley Windmills play in the 2nd division and hope to get promotion to the first division.



**Hanny and Toon Kamps, Neerlandia Committee Members, wear the sponsored shirts.**

## April 3<sup>rd</sup> 2021.

### Morley Windmills 3 v Kelmscott Roos 1.

1<sup>st</sup> league game of season saw Morley at home to Kelmscott Roos.

A good crowd was in attendance to witness a very competitive and tight game. After a close first half it was Kelmscott who took the lead against the run of play in the 57<sup>th</sup> minute. Morley pressed for the equalizer, that finally arrived late in the game in the 81<sup>st</sup> minute, when Gus PERSSON steered the ball home. Morley quickly followed with two more goals in the 86<sup>th</sup> minute through Alex GALIPO and in the 93<sup>rd</sup> minute from the penalty spot through Leigh MORGAN.

The game ended in disappointment with Morley winger Flynn NOLAN suffering a season ending ACL knee injury. A great start to the season and a deserved win.

(U18s Morley Windmills 13 Kelmscott 0 Reserves Morley 3 Kelmscott 0)

## April 10<sup>th</sup> 2021.

### Carramar Shamrock Rovers 2 V Morley Windmills 3.

Week 2 saw Morley travel to last year's champions Carramar Shamrock Rovers. On a windy day and on a substandard pitch Morley began the game playing the better football. It was against the run of play when Shamrock took the lead in the 30<sup>th</sup> minute. Just before half time, Morley suffered heartache when midfielder Lukas De Lima suffered a broken leg in the 43<sup>rd</sup> minute.

This seemed to spur Morley on in the second half with Mitch CASTRILLI scoring a double in the 50<sup>th</sup> and 76<sup>th</sup> minute. Abu DULLEH fired home in the 64<sup>th</sup> minute to make it 3-1.

Shamrock pulled one back in the 86<sup>th</sup> minute to make it a nervous finish however Morley



**Some action shots of the first game of the season.**



# The Windmills Soccer Club season 2021

hung on for a deserved win.

(U18s Shamrock 1 Morley 1 Reserves Shamrock 2 Morley 3.)

**April 17<sup>th</sup> 2021**

## Morley Windmills 2 Balga 2

On a beautiful sunny day at Wotton Res Morley hosted Balga in the 3<sup>rd</sup> game of the season. This was also our Sponsors appreciation day that saw a number of sponsors as well as members of Neerlandia in attendance. In the 1<sup>st</sup> half Morley played some exceptional football to take a well-deserved 2-0 lead with Danny O'SHEA scoring in the 25<sup>th</sup> minute and Leigh MORGAN scoring from the penalty spot in the 38<sup>th</sup> minute.

The second half was a different story with Morley failing to produce the same level of play as the first half. Balga scored in the 66<sup>th</sup> and 70<sup>th</sup> minute to level the game at 2-2 at full time.

A disappointing result but the boys will learn and move on.

So after 3 rounds Morley sits joint top of the league table.

(U18s Morley 14 Balga 1 Reserves Morley 3 Balga 1)

**Sean Gartland.**

POS	TEAM	P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1	Dianella White Eagle...	3	2	1	0	6	7
2	Morley-Windmills SC	3	2	1	0	3	7
3	Kingsley Westside FC	3	2	0	1	7	6
4	Curtin University Fo...	3	2	0	1	0	6
5	Murdoch University ...	3	2	0	1	0	6
6	Carramar Shamrock ...	3	1	1	1	3	4
7	Wanneroo City SC	3	1	1	1	-3	4
8	Canning City FC	2	1	0	1	0	3
9	Gosnells City FC	3	1	0	2	-1	3
10	Balga SC	3	0	2	1	-1	2
11	Joondalup City FC	2	0	0	2	-2	0
12	Kelmscott Roos SC	3	0	0	3	-12	0



One of the many Morley Windmills Junior teams pose for a photo.

# The everlasting battle against the sea by the Dutch

## The everlasting battle against the sea by the Dutch.

When I started on this subject, I expected to find several floods and not just the most recent and well publicised flood of 1953. To my amazement, there had been at least one, two or more serious floods in each century. Many of these were far worse than the one in 1953. In this account, we document the various floods over the Centuries. In the succeeding chapter, we will also look at how the Dutch battled and reclaimed land lost to the sea and how they reclaimed extra land from the seas.

**Early times:** The Dutch have battled the Sea for Centuries and it was noted of the low countries by a Greek Geographer Pytheas around the year 325 BC that: "More people died in the struggle against water, than in the struggle against men."

Even First-Century Roman author Pliny wrote something similar in his *Natural History*.

There, twice in every twenty-four hours, the ocean's vast tide sweeps in a flood over a large stretch of land and hides Nature's everlasting controversy about whether this region belongs to the land or to the sea. There these wretched peoples occupy high ground, or manmade platforms constructed above the level of the highest tide they experience; they live in huts built on the sites so chosen and are like sailors in ships when the waters cover the surrounding land, but when the tide has receded, they are like shipwrecked victims. Around their huts they catch fish as they try to escape with the ebbing tide. It does not fall to their lot to keep herds and live on milk, like neighbouring tribes, nor even to fight with wild animals, since all undergrowth has been pushed far back.

The records show that there have been 29 major floods with the first recorded flooding happening



*A painting by Alexander Eckener (1870-1944)*

The description by Pliny concurs with our knowledge of earlier use of "Terpen", which were larger areas of raised earth, upon which villages were built.



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in the year 838, when Frisia, now known as Friesland, was inundated by the sea with 2,437 people losing their lives. The lack of good dikes was an important cause for this disaster.

There were 2 floods in the 11<sup>th</sup> Century, 1014 and 1042. Three in the 12<sup>th</sup> Century, 1163, 1170 and 1196. During the 13<sup>th</sup> Century the flood of 1212 caused an estimated 60,000 deaths in Noord Holland. Then in 1214, a storm flood affected all of the Netherlands causing a lot of erosion of their important Peat areas.

The 13<sup>th</sup> Century was a period, when as many as ten (10) major floods were recorded. In 1219, the Saint Marcellus Flood in West Friesland & Groningen was the 4<sup>th</sup> major flood in 50 years. This flood had enormous consequences in the formation of the Zuiderzee and Waddenzee. It also cost the lives of an estimated 36,000 people.

There were 3 floods close to one-another in 1248-1249. These occurred in Noord Holland, Friesland & Groningen. They occurred on the 20 November 1248, 28 December 1248, and 4 February 1249.

There were floods in 1277, 1280 and 1282 but the St. Lucia Flood of 1287 caused a death toll of between 50,000 and 80,000 people.

The 14<sup>th</sup> Century was rather mild in comparison with only one major bad weather event recorded. This affected not only the Netherlands but also England, Jutland (Denmark), and Schleswig (Germany). Hurricane-force winds drove enormous waves atop of an enormous storm surge carving out a huge inland see in The Netherlands, demolishing a lot of infrastructure in England, and swallowing 60 parishes in the Danish diocese of the Bishops of Slesvig. This flood cost 25,000 people their lives.

In the 15<sup>th</sup> Century there were 2 floods, 1404 & 1421, both being called the St Elizabeth Flood. Both occurred in Holland and Zeeland. The 1421 flood caused between 2,000 and 10,000 people to lose their lives. During the 16<sup>th</sup> Century there were 2 major floods. The most severe flood was that of St. Felix in 1530. Large parts of Flanders and Zeeland were washed away, including the Verdrongen (Drowned) Land of Reimerswaal. According to Audrey M. Lambert: "All the Oost Wetering of Zuid-Beveland was lost, save only the town of Reimerswaal."

Over a 100,000 people lost their lives from this flood. The All Saints flood of 1570 in Bergen Op Zoom and Saeftinghe, caused 20,000 deaths and drowned the land of Saeftinghe, which has never been reclaimed, despite several attempts to do so.

During the 17<sup>th</sup> Century, one flood was recorded in 1675 with little consequence as no deaths or major destructions were noted.

There was a lot written about the Great Storm of 1703. Maybe because literacy was more advanced than earlier times and this is why many accounts of this event have been found. Of course, people who lived through this event, had no way of comparing the severity of this storm to those that had occurred before this time. Only now, with the benefit of historical records, are we able to judge one event, against those of others.

Reports abounded about the storm killing thousands of victims. The actual estimated death toll was between 8,000 and 15,000. This compared to death tolls of earlier floods is a rather milder outcome. Of course, any amount of loss of lives is always a big tragedy. However, we must keep things in perspective, in reading the stories written at that time.

There were no wind measurements available, but a wealth of reports and diaries make it clear that this storm was extremely serious. The storm reached its peak in the night and led to enormous damage and numerous dike breaches. It was heaviest in an area of approximately 500 kilometres wide in Wales, Central and Southern England, the North Sea, the Low Countries, and the North of



Germany. At many places there was talk of a high storm surge. Seamen reported tornadoes. Other sources wrote about a terrible storm and these agreed with each other. The air was full of lightning. The English journalist and writer Daniel Defoe (the writer of Robinson Crusoe) wrote concerning the: "Most terrible storm which the world ever saw". The storm was according to Defoe so dreadful that

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there was no pen to describe it.

Meteorologists have tried to reconstruct the chart of this storm. Above Scandinavia the air pressure was high at the beginning of December 1703, but in the Bay of Biscay south west of the United Kingdom, there were two depressions. The first depression went up the North Sea, the second went to Scotland. The venom, however, was in a new block, which appeared above Ireland. This block increasingly drew in strong activity around the middle of Ireland and from Britain further to the East. The storm blew on the South side of the depression, where the South of Britain had a hurricane, wind strength 12. The barometers plummeted dramatically. According to calculations the air pressure must have decreased to 950 millibars, a rare low for Britain. A powerful anticyclone, which came through immediately, ensured enormous air pressure differences, as a result the terrible weather situation.

Then the Christmas flood of 1717 affected Groningen, Zwolle, Dokkum, Amsterdam and Haarlem resulting in 14,000 deaths.

In 1820, the Alblasserwaard was inundated due to a number of dikes being breached. A total area of 1,300 square KMs came under water. The February flood of 1825 inundated large parts of Friesland, Groningen and Overijssel, resulting in 800+ deaths due to dikes being breached.

In 1836, two Hurricanes caused flooding late in the year. In November, the first reached the gates of Amsterdam, while on Christmas Day, Leiden was flooded.

In 1916, many dikes around the Zuiderzee gave way, causing flooding. Whilst plans to shut off the Zuiderzee from the North Sea and creating new polders had already been in the planning since 1886, this together with the famine of 1918 became the driving force to build the Afsluitdijk. Despite these two critical events, it still took another 9 years before a start was made in 1927. The Afsluitdijk was completed in 1932.



**Afsluitdijk.**

Then on the 1 February 1953, the most reported sea invasion occurred in Zeeland and West Brabant. It is still referred to as the “Grote Watersnood”. However, the death toll was 2,551. This is still 2,551 too many, but when taken in perspective of earlier floods, the population came through that crisis in far better shape than those people from earlier years. We have to take note of the facts that this event was recorded on film, unlike earlier floods. Television was already available in many countries and these images being beamed into people’s living rooms caused an enormous rescue effort and donations of food, clothing, bedding, and medicines from many countries. For many of us, it is of course during our lifetime and therefore fresh in our memories.



*A view from a US Army Helicopter.*

**Jan Zwartkruis.**

*(Next month: How the Dutch mastered the fight with the seas and reclaimed land from it.)*

*(Photo courtesy of the Agency for International Development.)*



**THE TIVOLI CLUB OF W.A.  
PRESENTS:**

***“JUKE BOX JIVE’N”***

**Lets head down Route 66 and take a trip down  
memory lane with all your favourite Juke Box hits.  
This show will have you bopping in your seats!**

**Tivoli is on the corner of Kintail and Canning Beach Roads  
Applecross (Opposite the Raffles Hotel).**

**Some parking is available adjacent to the Tivoli,  
in nearby Moreau Mew and  
paid parking in the basement of the Raffles Hotel.**

**We have reserved a “Block Booking” of 82 seats for this  
“AMAZING VARIETY SHOW”**

**On Sunday 22nd of August 2021 at 12 noon,  
doors open at 11.30am.**

**Let the Juke Box Season begin!**

**Come and see our singers, dancers and comedians in our beautiful  
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**We have a Chicken & Chips meal at interval.**

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as well as your own alcohol and glasses.**

**We have a little shop where you can purchase water,  
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Non-Members \$17.-**

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# The Bingo Page



## NEERLANDIA BINGO ON WEDNESDAY.

Day Games only.  
12th and 26th of May.  
9th and 23rd of June.



*Lunch, a bowl of soup with bun is \$7.50, at cost. Coffee/Tea/Biscuits free, self help.*



**The major prize winners.**

**Bingo on Wednesday 31st March.** It was a lot of fun with 27 players around the tables.



**The major prize winners.**

**Bingo on Wednesday 14th April.** With 22 players on the day, only one played for free.

### **BINGO BULLETIN.** *From your friendly Bingo Organisers.*

It was great to know that we now have a back-up Bingo caller in John Zwartkruis.

**Thanks John.** During the 2 games a number of Members collected special prizes on top of their normal winnings. **Frans Schutte, Marion Gerritsen and Marjorie Bly** won the free games, worth \$10.-. The \$25.- loaded games were won by **Marion Gerritsen (\$40) and Henk Uyen (\$38).** The large bag of snickers were won by **John van Gentevoort and Helen Dans,** while the Neerlandia sponsored Ferrero Chocolates were won by **Gerry James and Con van der Putten.** The Jackpot climbed to **\$120.-** It needed 58 balls for it to be won and it did not go off. **John Norder** came very close, as he won the full house game with 59 balls. **There are exiting times ahead of us with the Jackpot!!!**

**Henk Oorschot and Louis James.**

**For info call Henk at 9256 1977**



### Editorial.

#### The RDC Club House.

You would have read that the Thursday Night Card Club has started up again in the newly renovated and refurbished Karl's Bar. The room now has 3 banks of down lights regulated by dimmers. Some of the old hanging lamps have been retained as well, which can be switched on, if a more intimate atmosphere is required, such as evening dinners. However, due to lack of wall furnishing and curtains, the room is very bare, harsh and echoing.

But do not fret about that. I have been assured that only stage 1 of the renovations has been completed and all of the foregoing concerns will be taken care of during stage 2 of the renovations.

I have also been advised that the RDC has been allocated a grant of \$153,000, being part of the WA Government's Community Capital Works Funds.

These funds will be used to replace the entire roof of the RDC in one go.

No date has been given, neither the duration of the work, nor how the Sub-Clubs will be affected.

Any news on the above mentioned developments will be announced, as soon as it comes to hand.

#### Neerlandia sponsors the Morley Windmills Soccer Club.

On pages 8 & 9 of this magazine you can read more details of what this sponsorship entails.

Pieter Leeftang, Editor. (L.M.)

### Important Neerlandia Announcements.

**Neerlandia Members have an opportunity to once again attend a Cabaret afternoon by the Tivoli Club of WA. This event will be held on Sunday the 22nd of August. Details on page 13.**

**Note: Event almost sold out.**

**Also, plans are being finalised for our Anniversary Lunch be held sometime in July/August. Details in our next magazine.**

**If you want to attend any of the above events with family or friends, make them a Neerlandia Member.**

**Neerlandia Membership entitles our Members to get great discounts and if one attends a couple of functions per year, it could be worth more than your Membership payment.**

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## The Seniors' Club page

### Welcome to the Neerlandia Seniors' Club page.

I am looking at numbers. We have well over 300 Members in our Dutch Club, yet only barely 10% of them come to the Seniors Club. **Why is that?**

Being a Member of the Dutch Club gives you an opportunity to mix with other Dutchies and at the same time enjoy a coffee and lunch and participate in the various games that are available to you. It is a fortnightly outing that you should be looking forward to. We are inviting you to also bring a friend, because as the saying goes:

**"The more the merrier"**. If you have never been to the Seniors, you just don't know what you are missing out on. *So call Henk Oorschot on 9256 1977 and make arrangements to check it out. Our next meeting days in May are on Thursday 6th and 20th.*

**Looking forward to see you soon!!!**

**35 Members on Thursday 25th March.**



**34 Members on Thursday 8th of April.**





## GREAT NEWS or NOT.

We had great plans to start the Sunday Drives again on Sunday the 2nd of May, followed by 6 June and the 4 July.

**However, another Lock down has thrown a Spanner in the works.**

**We will have to wait now until Friday the 30th of April whether restrictions will be lifted or not.**

We will try to contact everyone on Saturday 1 May.

**If we do go ahead, please note the new starting time of 10.30 am, instead of 11am.**

This earlier time is necessary to make the Karl's Bar available at 2 pm for the RDC Members' Sunday Session, Players, please support us to keep the Sunday Drives going.

Pieter Leeftang.

## The Sunday Klaverjas Drives.



Join us on Sunday the 2nd of May, the 6th of June and the 4th of July for a Klaverjas Competition. There are 3 prizes for the three highest scorers. The entry fee includes a light Lunch, 2 Cups of Coffee and cake (Koek) on arrival.

**The Karl's Bar area opens at 9.30am for Coffee.**

**Play begins 10.30am and the games will be stopped at 2.00pm.**

**Fees:**

**Neerlandia Members: \$12.00**

**Guests: (Maximum 3 times as a non-Member) \$15.00**

**Non-Playing Members \$10.00**

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We the Neerlandia Committee needs your help in completing of the enclosed questionnaire.

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We understand that these different groups all have different interests and they do not necessarily wish to become a Member of the Dutch Society Neerlandia.

Neerlandia's constitutional and primary objectives and purposes are to promote, advance and manage Dutch recreational and cultural activities in Australia in general and in WA in particular.

If we know what you want, your Children and Grandchildren may well benefit from subsidised events, organised by Neerlandia, events that focus on certain parts of our Dutch Culture and Heritage. Indeed, in future years, these children may well want to enjoy a closer liaison with other like-minded people with whom they share a Dutch background. a Dutch background.

**Therefore, please distribute this questionnaire amongst your Children, Grandchildren and Friends who have a Dutch cultural background.** All views will be of great assistance to your Committee in organising subsidised events – events that will be of interest to the Dutch Community.

**Your Neerlandia Committee thank you for your assistance in this quest.**



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## Should we...

Should we celebrate the discovery of Western Australia on 25 October 1616 by Dirk Hartog?

Or should we give credence to Willem de Vlamingh, who on 29 December 1696 landed on Rottnest, sailed up the Swan River, saw all the Black Swans that occupied it and named the river accordingly. These dates are very significant since they preceded James Cook by more than a Century.

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No matter what has gone on in the past, we have come to respect the Aboriginal as an equal Citizen.

There is no reason why we should not stand for our State, instead of being directed by the East. Our history is without question and that started in October 1616. The facts do not lie.

**(Edited article from the new Holland Magazine.)**



**The following Members will celebrate their Birthday during the month of May, 2021.**

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## May a bit of Humour light up your Day

**A couple decided to go to a sunny holiday resort, where they had spent their honeymoon.**



They planned to stay in the same hotel where they spent their honeymoon 20 years ago.

Because of hectic airline schedules, it was difficult to coordinate their flights. So, the husband flew ahead, leaving on the Thursday and his wife would follow a day later, on Friday.

The husband checked into the hotel. There was a computer in the room, so he decided to send his wife an e-mail. However, he accidentally left out one letter in her e-mail address, and without realising, he sent it. Meanwhile in another town, a woman had just returned from the funeral of her husband, who had been a Minister of the local church and had died from a heart attack.

The widow decided to check her e-mails, expecting messages from family and friends. After reading the first message, she screamed and fainted.

The widow's son rushed into the room, found his mother on the floor, and saw the computer screen which read:

TO: My Loving Wife

Date: January 15, 2016.

Subject: I have arrived.

I know you're surprised to hear from me.

They have computers here now and you are allowed to send e-mails to your loved ones. I have just arrived and checked in.

I've seen that everything has been prepared

for your arrival tomorrow. Looking forward to seeing you then. Hope your journey will be as uneventful as mine was.

P.S. Sure is freaking hot down here.

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**A man takes his Wife on a Birthday she'll never forget.**

A man asked his wife what she'd like for her 40<sup>th</sup> birthday.

"I'd love to be six again," she replied.

On the morning of her birthday, he got her up bright and early and off they went to a local Theme Park.

What a day! He took her on every ride in the park; the Death Slide, the

Screaming Loop, the Wall of Fear, everything there was. Wow!

Five hours later she staggered out

of the theme park, her head reeling and her stomach upside down.

Off to a McDonald's they went, where her husband ordered her a Happy Meal along with extra fries and a refreshing Chocolate Shake.

Then it was off to a Movie. It was the Latest Disney movie, and what a fabulous adventure it was!

Finally, she wobbled home with her husband and collapsed into bed.

He leaned over and lovingly asked her:

"Well dear, what was it like being six years old again?"

Wearily she raised her head and said: "You idiot. I meant my dress size."

The moral of this story. When a woman speaks and a man is actually listening, he still gets it wrong.



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**One heck of an outdoors man.**

During a recent physical examination, Jim's doctor asked him about his physical activity level.

He described a typical day: "Well, yesterday afternoon, I took a five-hour walk about 10 kilometres through some pretty



## May a bit of Humour light up your Day

rough terrain.”

I waded along the edge of a lake. I pushed my way through brambles.

I got sand in my shoes and my eyes. I narrowly avoided standing on a snake.

I climbed several rocky hills. I had to stop several times to relieve myself behind some big trees.

The mental stress of it all left me shattered.

At the end, I drank eight beers.”

Inspired by the story, the doctor said: “You must be one heck of an outdoors man!”

”No,” Jim replied:

”I’m just a really bad golfer.”



and that the way that it works is to load your pants pockets with Purina nuggets and simply eat one or two every time you feel hungry. The food is nutritionally complete, so it works well and I was going to try it again. (I must mention here that practically everyone in line was now enthralled with my story.)

Horried, she asked if I ended up in intensive care because the dog food poisoned me. I told her no, I stepped off a curb to sniff an Irish Setter’s butt and a car hit us both.

I thought the guy behind her was going to have a heart attack he was laughing so hard. The Sour Lady put in a complaint and now the supermarket won’t let me shop there anymore.

### A woman makes a trip to the supermarket.



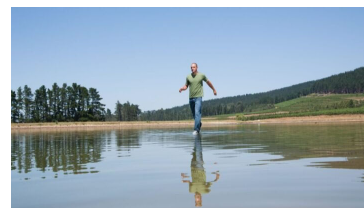
Recently I was at my local supermarket buying a couple of large bags of dog food for my loyal pet and was in the checkout line when a sour-looking woman behind me asked if I had a dog.

What did she think I had, an elephant?

Since I’m retired and have little to do, on impulse I told her that no, I didn’t have a dog, I was starting the Dog Food Diet again. I added that I probably shouldn’t, because I ended up in the hospital last time, but that I’d lost 20 kilograms before I awakened in an intensive care ward with tubes coming out of most of my orifices and IVs in both arms. I told her that it was essentially a perfect diet

### Nigel wants to walk on water.

Nigel had long heard the stories of an amazing family tradition. It seems that his father, grandfather, and



great-grandfather had all been able to walk on water on their 18th birthday.

On that special day, they all had walked across the lake to the pub on the far side for their first legal drink.

So when Nigel’s 18th birthday came around, he and his pal Mick, took a boat out to the middle of the lake, Nigel stepped out of the boat ... and nearly drowned!

Mick just barely managed to pull him to safety.

Furious and confused, Nigel went to see his grandmother.

”Grandma,” he asked, “It is my 18th birthday, so why can’t I walk across the lake like me father, his father, and his father before him?”

Granny looked deeply into Nigel’s troubled brown eyes and said: “Because your father, your grandfather and your great-grandfather were all born in December, when the lake is frozen, and you were born in August, you bloody fool!”

# Brunssum, the Town made famous by Pussycat



Brunssum is a Municipality and a Town in the Province of Limburg in the Netherlands. Brunssum became an official Municipality in 1796.

The Municipality of Brunssum had about 30,000 residents at the beginning of 2021.

## Flag & Coat of Arms of Brunssum.

### History:

Early settlement of the Brunssum location goes back to the prehistoric era between 10.000 and 4.000 B.C. The heath and its surrounding swamps proved a perfect reason for settling in Brunssum. It was the Romans, who discovered that Brunssum was more than its tactically useful natural surroundings and started to use the clay found in the Town for industrial purposes. The ceramic industry initiated by these crafty Romans were Brunssum's first steps into trade and industry.

Moving on from ceramics to iron boosted the population of Brunssum immensely,

Brunssum was considerably quieter during the 19th century, as a Village of around 1200 citizens. This all changed in the period of 1918 – 1966 when State mine Hendrik made Brunssum an industrial Town and it thrived once again.

People from all over the world called Brunssum their place of work and home.

The mines closed in 1966 and unemployment rose to an unprecedented high. A successful turnover from 'black' to 'green' turned Brunssum from an industrial Town into a pleasant habitat for its now 30.000 inhabitants, as it is surrounded by nature in all kinds of forms.

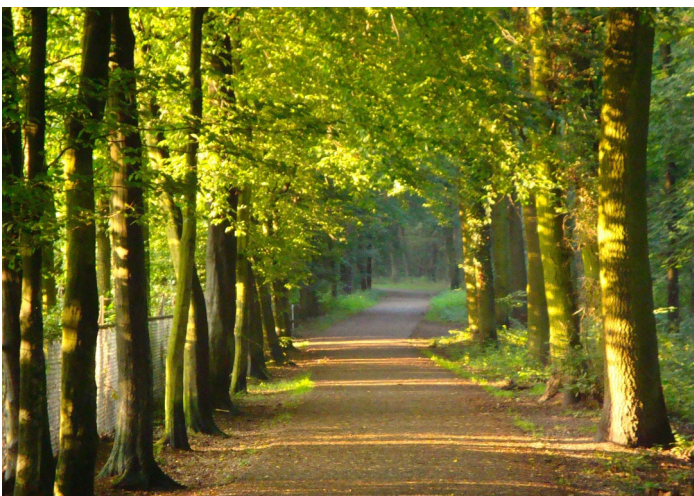
The Saint Gregorius Church was first built in 1150 but has been rebuilt 4 times. The current Church was built in 1961, in part financed by the Dutch State Mines, as the third Church was severely damaged by soil settling as a result of coal mining activities.



**Coal Mining.**

### NATO Joint Force Command Headquarters.

Brunssum is the current home of Allied Joint Force Command Brunssum (JFC Brunssum), an operational level NATO headquarters. The main base area, Hendrik Camp,



**Schutters Park Nature Reserve. One of many nature reserves surrounding the Town, which is a haven for nature lovers.**



**The new, state of the art Town Hall was completed last year. But the 100 years old building pictured on our front page is by far better looking.**



# Brunssum, the Town made famous by Pussycat



**Restoring old buildings and ruins is ongoing in order to preserve old history.**

was built on a former coal mine called Hendrik Mine.

## **International School.**

Brunssum is also the home of the AFNORTH International School, located just outside Hendrik Camp. AFNORTH International School is a K-12 school that mainly provides service to American, British, Canadian, and German dependents military personnel assigned to JFC Brunssum, the US Army base in Schinnen, and NATO Air Base in Geilenkirchen, Germany; as well as the former Soesterberg Air Base, Netherlands.



**Band Pussicat.**

## **Pussicat.**

**Pussycat** was a Dutch country and pop group led by the three Kowalczyk sisters: Toni, Betty and Marianne. Their song "Mississippi" was a #1 hit in 1975/76 in most European countries, the USA as well as in Australia.

## **Blote Voeten (bare feet) Park.**

The Barefoot Park is located in the Schutterspark. Have you ever walked barefoot through nature? Try it and feed your feet with 100% natural stimuli. The Barefoot Park is adventurous, challenging, healthy and philosophical. Children and adults alike, love it.

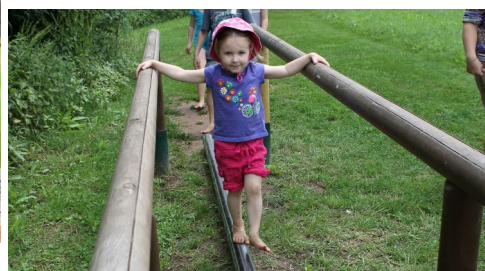
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**Glorious Mud and cleaning off afterwards.**



**Obstacle course, good for balance.**



**Tricky.**





But...But...my paws ARE still on the ground, so technically, I am not on the furniture!

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Some letters, e.g. the letters E and A and S can occur more often then others e.g. the letters Q, X or Z.

### Results of last month's Bonus TOP CODEWORD.

**This puzzle was not easy.**

But Once the words: **Alibi, Militia** and **Mummy** were found, the rest was easier.

*The letter codes for last month's Top Codebreaker was as follows:*

A=12; B=11; C=1; D=7; E=3; F=26;  
G=5; H=21; I=21; J=24; K=15, L=2;  
M=14; N=25; O=16; P=8; Q=22;  
R=10; S=19; T=17; U=18; V=4;  
W=20; X=13; Y=9; Z=23.

### Results of last month's Bonus BOTTOM CODEWORD.

**Another difficult one, that made you think.** But once the words: **Staccato, Anticlimax** and **Archives** were found, the rest was easier.

*The letter codes for last month's bottom Codebreaker was as follows:*

A=20; B=19; C=18; D=1; E=7;  
F=25; G=13; H=14; I=23; J=16;  
K=12; L=5; M=15; N=6; O=3; P=2;  
Q=21; R=9; S=24; T=8; U=26;  
V=11; W=22; X=10; Y=17; Z=4.



## Two Bonus Code-Word Puzzles

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# Code-Word and Sudoku Puzzles Page

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*The first 3 words I found were: upkeep, Skip and Eclipse, and after those it was easy to complete.*

*The letter codes for last month's Codebreaker was as follows:*

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Y=10; Z=14.

~~A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z~~

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## Sudoku Puzzles

The aim of the Sudoku Puzzle is to insert numbers 1-9 in the each row and column; each 3x3 box must also contain a complete set of numbers 1-9.

### Sudoku 62 Easy Puzzle

3		1		7		9	2	
		2	1					
5		7		3		8	4	
		4	3				6	
	1			8	9			
2	3			1		7		
4		8			6			
			2	6		3	9	
6	2		8	5		7		

### Sudoku 62 Mod. Puzzle

1		9		7		2	8	
7	6			8		3		
		8		1				
		6	3					
	1		8	4	2		6	
		2				8		5
6			4	2	9		1	
		3	5	6				
								9

### Last month's Sudoku Easy 61 solution.

6	7	1	9	2	5	3	4	8
8	2	3	7	1	4	9	5	6
4	5	9	8	3	6	1	7	2
2	6	4	3	5	9	7	8	1
7	3	8	2	6	1	4	9	5
1	9	5	4	7	8	6	2	3
3	1	2	5	4	7	8	6	9
5	8	7	6	9	3	2	1	4
9	4	6	1	8	2	5	3	7

### Last month's Sudoku Moderate 61 solution.

7	4	1	6	2	9	8	5	3
5	2	3	4	8	7	1	9	6
8	9	6	1	3	5	2	4	7
3	1	8	5	6	2	9	7	4
2	5	9	7	1	4	3	6	8
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4	6	2	8	5	1	7	3	9
9	3	5	2	7	6	4	8	1
1	8	7	9	4	3	6	2	5



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